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SUBJECT: GATT: INDIAN ARTICLE XXV WAIVER FOR AUXILIARY CUSTOMS DUTY

- 1. INDIA IS SEEKING GATT COUNCIL APPROVAL MAY 17 FOR ANOTHER ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF WAIVER PERMITTING APPLICATION OF AUXILIARY CUSTOMS DUTY TO ITEMS BOUND IN INDIAN GATT SCHEDULE XII.
- 2. SINCE WAIVER WAS ORIGINALLY GRANTED IN 1973, INDIA HAS ANNUALLY ASSURED GATT CPS THAT AUXILIARY DUTY RATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLIED TO "ALMOST ALL" ITEMS IN SCHEDULE XII WAS EITHER NIL OR FIVE PERCENT. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER THIS SITUATION OBTAINS TODAY.

3. INDIAN GATT REP TOLD MISSION GENEVA INFORMALLY THAT AUXILIARY DUTIES WERE ANALOGS OF INTERNAL TAXES. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM THIS ASSERTION? NO WAIVER IS REQUIRED IF

AUXILIARY DUTIES ARE CHARGES EQUIVALENT TO INTERNAL TAXES IMPOSED CONSISTENTLY WITH GATT ARTICLE III:2 IN RESPECT OF LIKE DOMESTIC PRODUCTS OR IN RESPECT OF ARTICLES FROM WHICH THE IMPORTED PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN WHOLE OR IN PART (ARTICLE II:2 (A)). VANCE

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